

**INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT**

FOR THE YEAR ENDING

DECEMBER 31, 2004

**NINE MILE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

1024 OAK AVENUE

NINE MILE POINT, LA 70094

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# **NINE MILE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**

## **Financial Statements**

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Directors:  
Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Company

I have audited the accompanying general purpose financial statements of **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.** (a nonprofit organization) as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, as listed in the table of contents. These general purpose financial statements are the responsibility of **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.'s** management. My responsibility is to express an opinion on these general purpose financial statements based on my audit.

I conducted my audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States. Those standards require that I plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. I believe that my audit provides a reasonable basis for my opinion.

As described in Note 1B, **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.**, prepares its financial statements on the modified cash basis, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than generally accepted accounting principles.

In my opinion, the general purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash and unencumbered cash balances of **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.**, as of December 31, 2004, and the revenues it received and expenditures it paid for the year then ended on the basis of accounting described in Note 1B.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, I have also issued my report dated June 30, 2005, on my consideration of **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.'s** internal control over financial reporting and my tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grants. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Governmental Auditing Standards* and should be read in conjunction with this report in considering the results of my audit.

**JIM MARTIN, CPA, MS(TAX)**  
Marrero, Louisiana  
June 30, 2005



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**NINE MILE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**  
**COMBINED BALANCE SHEET - ALL FUND TYPES AND ACCOUNT GROUPS**  
**MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

DECEMBER 31, 2004

	GOVERNMENTAL FUND TYPE	ACCOUNT GROUP	TOTAL
	General Fund	General Fixed Assets	(MEMO ONLY)
<b>ASSETS</b>			
Cash - Operating Account (Note 2)	\$ 22,784	\$	\$ 22,784
Cash - Payroll Account (Note 2)	1,853		1,853
Cash - Private Account (Note 2)	60,600		60,600
Cash - Petty Fund (Note 2)	200		200
Cash - CD Bank One (Note 2)	35,000		35,000
Refundable Deposits (Note 5)	150		150
Fire Station - 1024 Oak Ave (Note 4)		418,410	418,410
Dwelling 1030 OAK (Note 4)		47,580	47,580
Utility Building 1024 O (Note 4)		25,000	25,000
Fire Station - Highway 90 (Note 4)		879	879
Contents - Station 78 (Note 4)		121,841	121,841
Contents - Station 79 (Note 4)		22,977	22,977
Contents - Shed Station 79 (Note 4)		15,023	15,023
Vehicles (Note 4)		135,207	135,207
Rescue Truck (Note 4)		208,770	208,770
Equipment - Eng 788 (Note 4)		16,320	16,320
Equipment - Squad 789 (Note 4)		23,274	23,274
Equipment - Eng 796 (Note 4)		11,371	11,371
Equipment - Eng 798 (Note 4)		35,963	35,963
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>\$ 120,587</b>	<b>\$ 1,082,615</b>	<b>\$ 1,203,202</b>
 <b>LIABILITIES</b>			
FUTA Payable (Note 1)	763		763
SUTA Payable (Note1)	88		88
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>\$ 851</b>	<b>\$ 0</b>	<b>\$ 851</b>
Investment in Fixed Assets		\$ 1,082,615	\$ 1,082,615
General Operating Fund	\$ 119,736		\$ 119,736
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES &amp; FUND BALANCES</b>	<b>\$ 120,587</b>	<b>\$ 1,082,615</b>	<b>\$ 1,203,202</b>

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**NINE MILE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.**  
**COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,**  
**AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE**  
**MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004

**REVENUES**

Jefferson Parish - Contract	(Note 7)	\$ 425,340	91.2
Jefferson Parish - Insurance Rebate	(Note 7)	11,093	2.4
Jefferson Parish - Vehicle Funds	(Note 7)	22,787	4.9
Interest	(Note 2)	1,040	0.2
Rental Income	(Note 8)	1,050	0.2
Other Income	(Note 8)	4,988	1.1
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>		<b>\$ 466,298</b>	<b>100.0</b>

**EXPENDITURES**

Community Relations	581	0.1
Conventions/Seminars	1,118	0.2
Dues & Subscriptions	4,075	0.9
Employee Benefit Plans	6,318	1.4
Food Service	1,215	0.3
First Aid Training & Supp	303	0.1
Fire Fighting Gear	3,382	0.7
Fuel & Oil	5,262	1.1
Institutional Supplies	1,487	0.3
Insurance - Casualty	55,306	11.9
Insurance - Health Plan	47,186	10.1
Janitorial	150	0.0
Legal & Professional	10,237	2.2
Maintenance - Station	1,385	0.3
Maintenance - Vehicles	9,082	1.9
Morale	1,947	0.4
Office Supplies	3,201	0.7
Payroll Taxes	24,406	5.2
Pest Controll	820	0.2
Repairs - Communication Equipment	648	0.1
Security	236	0.1
Taxes & Licenses	80	0.0
Telephone	1,913	0.4

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**NINE MILE POINT VOLUNTEER FIRE CO.  
COMBINED STATEMENT OF REVENUES, EXPENDITURES,  
AND CHANGES IN FUND BALANCE  
MODIFIED CASH BASIS**

**FOR THE YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2004**

<b>Training &amp; Educational</b>		<b>2,597</b>	<b>0.6</b>
<b>Uniforms</b>		<b>3,947</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Utilities</b>		<b>8,251</b>	<b>1.8</b>
<b>Wages</b>	<b>(NOTE B)</b>	<b>266,231</b>	<b>57.1</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXPENDITURES</b>		<b><u>461,364</u></b>	<b>98.9</b>
<b>EXCESS REVENUE OVER/(UNDER) EXPENDITURES</b>		<b>4,934</b>	<b>1.1</b>
<b>DIFFERENCE IN FIXED ASSETS</b>		<b>0</b>	
<b>ACCOUNTING ADJUSTMENTS</b>		<b>(23,311)</b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, BEGINNING OF YEAR</b>		<b>\$ <u>138,964</u></b>	
<b>FUND BALANCE, END OF YEAR</b>		<b>\$ <u><u>120,587</u></u></b>	

The accompanying notes are an integral part of this statement

**Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.**  
Notes to Financial Statements  
December 31, 2004

**1. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

**A. Statement of Presentation**

In April 1984, the Financial Accounting Foundation established the Governmental Accounting Board (GASB) to promulgate generally accepted accounting principles and reporting standards with respect to activities and transactions of state and local governmental entities. The GASB has issued a codification of governmental accounting and financial reporting standards. This codification and subsequent GASB pronouncements are recognized as generally accepted accounting principles for state and local governments. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with such principles.

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. maintains two stations. One is located on Oak Avenue (Station 78) and the other on the West Bank Expressway (Station 79). Accounting records are maintained at the Oak Avenue address.

**B. Reporting Entity**

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. receives its funding from Jefferson Parish in the form of ad valorem taxes, monthly sales tax subsidies, and quarterly subsidies. The Company also receives a fire insurance tax rebate. Jefferson Parish receives a 2% rebate on the State of Louisiana's fire insurance tax collected. The State determines the amount received by each fire district based on the population served. Though it receives funding from the Parish, Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. is a separate entity, responsible for its own expenses and reporting.

**C. Basis of Accounting**

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. maintains its records on a modified cash basis of accounting, which is a comprehensive basis of accounting other than GAAP. Revenues are recognized when received and expenses with the exception of payroll tax liabilities are recorded when checks are written. Payroll tax liabilities are recorded when payroll checks are issued. Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. further uses a spending focus, meaning that they primarily account for the receipt and disbursement of resources. Based on the spending focus and the basis of accounting, GASB Statement No. 9 was not used and, therefore, alleviates the need for a cash flow statement being presented.

**D. Budgets and Budgetary Accounting**

The local Government Budget Act (LSA-RS 39:1301-1316) is primary guidance (and legal requirement) for local governmental units.

## **E. Other Accounting Information**

The board uses a fund (General Fund) and an account group to report on its financial position and the results of its operations. Fund accounting is designed to demonstrate legal compliance and to aid financial management by segregating transactions relating to certain government functions or activities.

A fund is a separate accounting entity with a self-balancing set of accounts. On the other hand, an account group is a financial reporting device designed to provide accountability for certain assets and liabilities that are not recorded in the funds because they do not directly affect net expendable available financial resources.

The General Fund of the board is classified as a governmental fund. The General Fund accounts for the board's general activities, including the collection and disbursement of specific or legally restricted monies, the acquisition or construction of general fixed assets, and the servicing of general long-term debt. The General Fund is the general operating fund of the board and accounts for all financial resources, except those required to be accounted for in other funds.

### **2. Cash:**

Cash consists of the amounts in non-interest-bearing demand deposits and interest-bearing accounts. One certificate of deposit is held in an interest bearing account and the interest is being recorded quarterly.

### **3. Income Tax Status:**

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. is a publicly supported not-for-profit organization and is generally exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c) (4) of the Internal Revenue Code. Contributions are tax deductible under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

### **4. Fixed Assets and General Long-Term Obligations:**

Fixed assets are accounted for in the general fixed assets account group, rather than in the General Fund. No depreciation has been provided on general fixed assets. All fixed assets are valued at historical cost where available. Additionally, there are some assets in possession of the department that are not listed in the Fixed Asset Account Group.

A brief discussion of each of these items follows below.

- **1981 Grumman**  
This fire truck, which is owned by Jefferson Parish, was provided to the department for fire protection. The historical value of this truck is \$105,579.
- **1999 Spartan**  
This fire truck was delivered to the department in December, 1999. It is currently being purchased in a Lease-Purchase arrangement with Banc One Leasing Corporation. The amount financed was \$174,648 at a rate of 5.95%, with annual payments due in each of the next ten years, with the first payment being April 1, 2000.



- **Fire Station - Westbank Expressway**

A new fire station was completed on the Westbank Expressway at Segnette Blvd. in Westwego, Louisiana. This project was financed through bond proceeds secured by Jefferson Parish. The old Station 79 was sold during the year ended December 31, 2001 for \$85,000. A loss of \$75,640 was recorded on the sale of the station.

A summary of property and equipment, along with their corresponding changes, owned by the Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. is presented below:

	Balance Dec 31 2003	Additions	Deletions	Balance Dec 31 2004
Vehicles	\$ 135,207			\$ 135,207
Fire Station 1024 Oak Ave	418,410			418,410
Rescue Truck	208,770			208,770
New Station	879			879
Equipment - Engine 788	16,320			16,320
Equipment - Squad 789	23,274			23,274
Equipment - Engine 796	11,371			11,371
Equipment - Engine 798	13,823	22,140		35,963
Dwelling - 1034 Oak Ave	47,580			47,580
Contents - Station 78	120,001	1,840		121,841
Contents - Station 79	16,959	6,018		22,977
Contents - Station 78 (Shed)	15,023			15,023
Utility Building - 1024 Oak Ave	25,000			25,000
<b>TOTALS</b>	<b>\$ 1,052,617</b>	<b>29,998</b>		<b>\$ 1,082,615</b>

**5. Deposits:**

The \$150 represents utility deposits paid to maintain residences at Oak Avenue.

**6. Pension Plan**

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Company began using a pension plan in 1999 which is available to all paid employees of the fire department. The department matches the employee contribution up to 3% of their adjusted gross annual salary, plus an additional one-time bonus of \$200.00 for each employee that takes part in the plan. The total amount of possible employee contribution in any one year is \$6,000. The Fire Company's contribution for 2004 was \$6,318.

**7. Contracts**

Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Company is one of the seven service companies contracted by Jefferson Parish, Louisiana, to provide the Seventh District of Jefferson Parish with fire protection. The original contract was dated September 3, 1980, and covered a ten-year period. The contract was extended to coincide with the millage election of 1993, which expired in December of 1993.

The new contract became effective January 1994, and will run concurrent with the millage for 10 years.

**8. Other Income:**

Other income amounts include amounts collected from certain fire inspections and contributions from donors.

**9. Audits:**

Audits of quasi-governmental entities are under the provisions of LSA-RS 24:513 which states that any local auditee that receives \$350,000 or more in revenues and other sources in any one fiscal year, but less than \$3,500,000 shall be audited once every two years, said audit to include the transactions of both years. Such audits shall be completed within six months of the close of the entity's fiscal year. Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Company is in compliance with this audit requirement for the 2004 calendar year.

**10. Wages:**

During the audit year, an issue involving the reporting of State supplemental pay was brought up by the Internal Revenue Service. The IRS ruled that supplemental pay is subject to FICA and Medicare and as such the state would have to begin withholding from all employees receiving state supplemental pay. Since this originally was to take effect for the 2004 tax year, the amounts shown in payroll do not reflect the state supplemental pay amounts.



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**REPORT ON COMPLIANCE AND ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL  
REPORTING BASED ON AN AUDIT OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS PERFORMED IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS**

To the Directors:  
Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Company

I have audited the general purpose financial statements of **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co. (a nonprofit organization)**, as of and for the year ended December 31, 2004, and have issued my report thereon dated June 30, 2005.

I conducted my audit in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in *Government Auditing Standards*, issued by the Comptroller General of the United States.

Compliance

As part of obtaining reasonable assurance about whether **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.'s** general purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement, I performed tests of its compliance with which could have a direct and material effect on the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of my audit and, accordingly, I do not express such an opinion. The results of my tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance that are required to be reported under *Government Auditing Standards*.

Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing my audit, I considered **Nine Mile Point Volunteer Fire Co.'s** internal control over financial reporting in order to determine my auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing my opinion on the general purpose financial statements and not to provide assurance on the internal control over financial reporting. My consideration on the internal control over financial reporting would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control over financial reporting that might be material weaknesses. A material weakness is a condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control components does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that misstatements in amounts that would be material in relation to the general purpose financial statements being audited may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. I noted no matters involving the internal control over financial reporting and its operation that I consider to be material weaknesses.

This report is intended for the information and use of the Board of Directors, management, and the Legislative Auditor. However, this report is a matter of public record and its distribution is not limited.

**JIM MARTIN, CPA, MS(Tax)**  
Marrero, Louisiana  
June 30, 2005



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